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SUBJ: REMARKS OF GOVERNOR OF SOUTH LEBANON

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS IN BEIRUT ON JUNE 22, THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH LEBANON, HALIM FAYYAD, SAID THE FOLLOWING.
 2. THE NUMBER OF RIGHTIST MILITIA IN SOUTH LEBANON VARIED ALMOST ON A DAILY BASIS. THERE WERE AT ANY GIVEN TIME, HOWEVER, ABOUT 500 TO 600 MILITIA AS WELL AS 400 TO 500 SOLDIERS NOMINALLY BELONGING TO THE REGULAR LEBANESE ARMY.
 3. ALTHOUGH THE PHALANGE AND NLP PARTIES IN BEIRUT EXERCISED SOME INFLUENCE OVER THE MILITIA AND SOLDIERS, BOTH WERE REALLY UNDER THE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE ISRAELIS. (ASKED WHETHER ISRAEL'S COMMAND WAS DIRECT IN THE OPERATIONAL SENSE, OR INDIRECT THROUGH R & R PRIVILEGES AND FINANCING, THE GOVERNOR SAID "DIRECT.") SA'D HADDAD HAD PROBABLY NOT BEEN PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST AND STILL SEEMED TO BE MOVING ABOUT FREELY.
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4. THE LEBANESE ARMY SHOULD SEND UNITS SOUTH NOW. THE ARMY WAS SIMPLY NOT UP TO UNDERTAKING THIS TASK AT THE MOMENT, HOWEVER.
5. ALMOST THE ENTIRE CIVILIAN POPULATION HAD NOW RETURNED TO TYRE. WATER AND ELECTRICITY WERE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY IN THE

CITY, ALTHOUGH TELEPHONES WERE STILL NOT WORKING PROPERLY.

6. THE ISRAELI INVASION IN MARCH HAD RESULTED IN: (A) THE DEATH OF 300 CIVILIANS (109 IN ABBASIYAH ALONE), AND (B) THE DESTRUCTION OF 3500 HOUSES AND THE DAMAGING OF 6,000 OTHERS.
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